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In re application of:

AMBS and HARRIS

Application No.: 09/830,977

Filed: July 31, 2001

For: P53 AND VEGF REGULATE
TUMOR GROWTH OF NOS2
EXPRESSING CANCER CELLS

Examiner: Sheela Jitendra Huff

Art Unit: 1642

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed July 28, 2003, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-10, drawn to in vitro screening for NOS2 modulators.


The foregoing election is made with traverse, as the four groups set forth by the Examiner all stem from a common concept and theory, and are thus related. As such, prosecution of the claims of Groups I-IV would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement and consider all the claims together.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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